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For: Mine Sifting Attachment Having Transverse Blades

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated, August 17th, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Substitute the new figure for the original figure.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-4 and 11-14.

- 1 5. (Currently Amended) In a minesweeper having a two-sided
- 2 frame adapted to be coupled to and pushed by a tractor and a rake
- 3 pivoted from each side of the frame by respective pairs of
- 4 coupling bars of different lengths so that as the rake moves away
- 5 from the frame to bury itself in the soil, the coupling bars
- 6 rotate it to a less aggressive digging angle that prevents the
- 7 rake from stalling the tractor,
- 8 means connected to the frame for catching and sifting mines,
- 9 soil, rocks and other objects buried in the soil passing over the